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SUBJECT: CAT TALKS DISCUSSED IN NOVOYE VREMYA

SUMMARY: CAT TALKS ARE "POSITIVELY" ASSESSED IN
NOVOYE VREMYA ARTICLE OUTLINING SOVIET VIEWS. U.S.
IS ACCUSED OF "STEPPING UP" ARMS SUPPLY TO NORTH
YEMEN AND PRC IS DESCRIBED AS COUNTRY TO WHICH ARMS
OUGHT NOT TO BE SUPPLIED, EVEN IF CHINESE "EMISSARIES"
ARE NOW IN EVIDENCE AT WEST EUROPEAN ARMS EXHIBITS.
END SUMMARY.

1. AUGUST 18 RUSSIAN LANGUAGE EDITION OF NOVOYE
VREMYA CARRIES ARTICLE BY V. KRAVTSOV COMMENTING
ON U.S.-SOVIET CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS TALKS
(CAT) WHICH ARE DESCRIBED AS A "POSITIVE" DEVELOPMENT.
POINTS INCLUDE:

-- SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS
TRANSFERS ARE ATTAINABLE ONLY IN OVERALL CONTEXT
OF DETENTE, LIQUIDATION OF EXISTING "HOTBEDS OF
MILITARY DANGER," AND STAVING OFF OF OTHERS;

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-- WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE INDUCED TO NEGOTIATE ON
CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGING
ATTITUDE OF SOME OF THEIR POLICY-MAKERS, WHO
INCREASINGLY RECOGNIZE THERE IS NO REASONABLE
ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE, AND THE FACT THAT THE
"SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH" CAN ALSO EXPORT ARMS -
TO THE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION IN RESPONSE TO THE

CAPITALISTS' ARMING OF AGGRESSORS;

-- ALTHOUGH U.S.-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS HAVE CONFIDENTIAL CHARACTER, SOVIET CAT POSITION HAS BEEN LAID OUT IN ITS SSOD STATEMENT CALLING FOR POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL-LEGAL CRITERIA PRESCRIBING IN WHAT SITUATION A GIVEN RECIPIENT MAY APPROPRIATELY RECEIVE ARMS. THESE CRITERIA SHOULD BE BASED ON UN CHARTER, A DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION, AND ON UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS;

-- AGGRESSOR AND VICTIM OF AGGRESSION SHOULD NOT BE TREATED THE SAME. HENCE, CRITERIA WOULD SANCTION TRANSFERS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS FROM SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO ARAB COUNTRIES AGGRESSED AGAINST BY ISRAEL. SIMILARLY, PEOPLES LAWFULLY SEEKING TO OVERTHROW COLONIAL OPPRESSORS, AS EVIDENCED BY UN RESOLUTIONS, WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO ARMS;

-- ARMS SUPPLY IS "ONE OF MAIN INSTRUMENTS" OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. U.S. IS NOW "STEPPING UP" (ITS) MILITARY PENETRATION IN NORTH YEMEN, WHICH IS IN STATE OF TENSION WITH PDRY. U.S. INTENDS TO INCREASE ITS ARMS DELIVERIES SHARPLY AND TO PLACE UNDER ITS FULL CONTROL NORTH YEMENI ARMED FORCES;
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-- IT IS PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS TO SHIP ARMS TO GOVERNMENTS PURSUING A "MILITARISTIC POLICY, NOT RECOGNIZING TERRITORIAL-POLITICAL REALITIES. . ." CHINA IS A CASE IN POINT. ARMING CHINA WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE; YET CHINESE EMISSARIES ARE NOW TRAVELING TO MANY WEST EUROPEAN ARMS EXHIBITS, SO THE QUESTION IS FAR FROM ACADEMIC. (COMMENT: U.S. IS NOT CITED IN THIS CONTEXT.)

2. KRAVTSOV CONCLUDES BY SAYING U.S.-SOVIET CAT TALKS HAVE ONLY TAKEN "FIRST STEPS" AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHAT PRACTICAL RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE, HOWEVER, THAT AT SOME STAGE OTHER SUPPLIERS WILL HAVE TO BE INCLUDED.
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